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Interview Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Ba Huynh

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All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

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Date of Interview: 09 January 2008.

Type: a) ☒ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference
c) ☐ Personal [copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☐ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☒ No.

If Yes, brief description: _____

Claim(s) discussed: 58, 59, 68, 69 and 76.

Identification of prior art discussed: Etheredge.

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☒ was not reached. h) ☐ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: see attached interview agenda. The limitation "application program" is read on by at least Etheredge's teaching of options 1, 2, 5 and 6. The limitation of 'display menu information in a different manner' is read on at least in col. 13, lines 44-45 and figure 4.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

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Examiner's signature, if required

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PROPOSED AGENDA FOR REQUESTED INTERVIEW

In response to the Examiner's request (received by telephone on January 3, 2008) for same, the undersigned respectfully submits the following proposed agenda for a requested telephone interview:

1. Obtain clarification from the Examiner regarding the pending rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112. Specifically, discuss the rejected claim language of claims 69 and 76, and the written description provided in Figure 8 and p. 22, l. 5 – p. 23, l. 2 of the specification as originally filed.
2. Obtain clarification from the Examiner regarding the pending rejection of claim 58 under 35 U.S.C. § 102. Specifically, discuss with the Examiner the disclosure of Etheredge in contrast to the following features of claim 58:
 - “display[ing] a menu comprising choices of at least one application program on a computer”
 - “launching on the computer [an] application program associated with [a selected] corresponding numeric accelerator”
3. Obtain clarification from the Examiner regarding the pending rejection of claims 59 and 68 under 35 U.S.C. § 102. Specifically, discuss with the Examiner the disclosure of Etheredge in contrast to the features of these dependent claims.

4. Discuss possible claim amendments for overcoming prior art of record. Specifically, see the attached Example Proposed Claim Amendment For Discussion.

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Enclosure: Example Proposed Claim Amendment For Discussion

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Example Proposed Claim Amendments For Discussion

62. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 6758, wherein the ~~receiving generation of at least one of said first signal, said second signal, and said third signal causes said third means to switch from a first mode of operation to a second mode of operation, wherein switching to the second mode of operation comprises configuring the at least one application program on the computer to provide an expanded user interface and to receive input from at least one of a keyboard and a mouse.~~

67. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 58 wherein the first mode is a theater mode ~~wherein a display is enhanced in which the at least one application program on the computer is configured to provide a limited user interface and to receive input from a remote control device.~~

69. (Currently Amended) A method for controlling computer functions comprising:
receiving a first signal indicating that a menu should be displayed on a display device coupled to a computer; and
receiving a second signal after the first signal is received, said second signal being associated with an application program;
executing on the computer said application program in response to said second signal;
and
displaying on the display device a menu responsive to said first signal, wherein said menu is displayed only after said application is executed.